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Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights:

March has arrived and time is moving faster than we all realize. We have held 3 meetings with all the Commanderies under the able direction of our Steerage Committee who have spent countless hours to make these meetings a success. It is the hope that these meetings have been a help to all who have attended, that your Commandery will benefit from these meetings, that you have taken their ideas and will act and enjoy the results of this great effort by the Grand Commandery, who have only you, Sir Knights, in mind.

The thought is that we need to know to what the other Commanderies are doing. In order to help you in your work, the Steerage Committee are planning on putting on the Order of the Red Cross and Malta in full and ancient form so more candidates will at least get their monies worth. A satisfied candidate can be your salesman.

EXCERPT - From a message of Most Eminent Sir Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment:

> "The best plans are fruitless unless carried into execution by good leaders at the "grass roots" level. Until they are carried out by local leaders, the finest plans of top officers will fall flat. Therefore we must improve the quality of local leadership and inspire Commanders to carry out plans which will strengthen the whole fabric of Templary."

Several Commanderies will be celebrating anniversaries this year. It is my hope that you, Sir Knights, will attend these affairs and their Church Services. Help also by attending the Ladies' Nights that are about to take place. It is a good evening that you and your wife will enjoy.

The Easter Sunrise Service will be held again in the Amphiteatre of Arlington Memorial Cemetary on Easter Sunday morning, April 18, 1965. I hope that our Grand Commandery will be well represented. It is great affair and will be well remembered by all those who attend.

Have you subscribed to the KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE yet? As pointed out before, this magazine can be very helpful to you in your work. It is very inspiring and informative. If you have not already subscribed, please do so now.

Courteously yours,

RUSSELL R. LONG
Grand Commander

TO THE SIR KNIGHTS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

I am proud to be a Mason; I am glad that I am a Christain; I am inordinately proud to be a Knight Templar. As such it is my happy privilege to be a Life Sponsor of our great humanitarian project, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Perhaps no personal act of mine has meant so much to me as the knowledge that, small as the Life Sponsorship fee is, the rewards are limitless. So stimulating is this thought of service to mankind and Templary, that I make at least one more contribution to the Eye Foundation each year. My enthusiasm has induced our Commandery and Council to send donations, whenever appropriate, in memory of our departed Brethren as a permanent memorial, to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in lieu of other forms of remembrances.

Sir Knights, it is my best opinion that we have in our keeping the true Master's word, means by which we can lead the way to previously unattained Masons heights. In the days of the greatest glory of the Knights Templar, over a period of some 300 years and seven Crusades, he gained fame as a soldier of Jesus Christ, an efficient and fauntless warrior whose vowed intent was to kill the infidel. Thus one side of the character of our ancient brethren was fashioned from raw courage. The counterpart and perhaps more admirable and enduring trait for which our warrior brethren were beloved was their "deeds of charity and pure beneficience".

If we, as modern crusaders, would devote the same enthusiasm and sincerity in promoting our Knights Templar Eye Foundation as our forebears did in defending the Holy City, we could be assured of the same world-wide admiration and respect for our Order that they enjoyed. What action could any organization adopt that would better symbolize the Christian spirit than to lead our fellowmen "from darkness to light"? Today your 30 dollars, not your life, will assure" that this valiant and magnamous Order shall forever flourish".

Won't you join with me and know the joy of a good concience and enroll as a Life Sponsor in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation? Don't delay! Get an application from your Recorder, fill it out, mail it to the Grand Commandery office with the $30.00 fee and rejoice in a deed well done.

Thank you for your thoughtfullness and cooperation.

Sincerely and courteously yours,

G. BURTON LONG D.G.C

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NEWBURYPORT COMMANDERY # 3 wants you to reserve Sunday May 23rd to help them celebrate Saint John's Sunday. They are anxious to have more than two hundred Sir Knights in the line of march. Kindly reserve May 23rd for them. More will be in the TEMPLAR next month.

Founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, Templary deserves the enthusiasm and sustained interest and support of every Christian Mason.

"EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR".

EMINENT SIRS AND SIR KNIGHTS:

We slipped badly in February with only 43 petitions, far less than 100 we needed to have a chance for a gain in this Commandery Year, and as a result we have the small total of 290, the lowest figure through February in our Grand Commandery for at least twenty years, and even lower than we had two years ago, when we had a tremendous loss. We are at the crossroads, Sir Knights. Are we going to wait for the candidates to come knocking at our doors, or are we going to work and start asking every eligible Chapter and Blue Lodge Mason to join and enjoy our Orders and the warm comradeship that exists among our Sir Knights? WHICH WAY, Sir Knights? Shall we WAIT or shall we ASK?

In the last issue I informed you that I was ready to provide Prospect Lists for all Commanderies in Massachusetts who wanted them. These lists are prepared by Chapters and give you the names and addressess of Companions who have taken, or are taking, the Chapter Degrees, within the last several years, and who have not joined any Commandery. I hoped that I would be deluged with requests, but to date I have had only two - from Jerusalem No. 19 and Connecticut Valley No. 23. Do you want to go after prospective members, or are you content to wait? I regret that I cannot prepare similar lists for Rhode Island as I do not have acess to their Chapter notices.

We have held two additional meetings of the top officers of Commanderies under the Sponsorship of our Membership Steering Committee. Twenty-five turned out on Feb. 13, at Williamstown from the Western Commanderies and 16 Commanderies were represented at the meeting of the top officers of the S.E. and S.W. Divisions at Johnson's Hummock in Providence, R.I. on February 27th. At both meetings Rt. Em. Past Grand Commander and Treasurer Clarence E. Booth gave important talks on membership, followed by question-and answer periods. Grand Commandery Officers Edwin O. Wilbur and Jack R. Baker were in charge of the representative meetings.

The Northeast Division continues to lead the Divisions with nearly 60% of its Quota, but none of the others have reached even 36% with the Templar year more than half over. Our comoosite total of 290 is only 34% of our quota, and we now need 400 additional Templars as a minimum if we are to avoid a loss.

STANDINGS BY DIVISIONS

Division	Quota	Sept-Jan.	Feb.	Total	% of Quota
Northeast	114	61	7	68	59.7 %
Western	87	28	3	31	35.6 %
Metropolitan North	124	39	5	44	35.5 %
Metropolitan South	169	49	3	52	31.1 %
Southeast	112	23	10	33	29.5 %
Central	138	27	10	37	26.8 %
Southwest	114	20	5	25	21.9 %
TOTALS:	852	247	43	290	34.0 %

Courteously yours,

JAMES C. BAYLEY
Co-Chairman of Membership

COMMANDERY	QUOTA	5 MOS	FEB	TOTAL
St. John's	30	3	2	5
Boston	66	11	0	11
Newburyport	18	19	0	19
Washington	5	0	1	1
Worcester County	39	0	4	4
Springfield	26	7	3	10
De Molay	50	31	1	32
Holy Sepulchre	18	0	0	0
Pilgrim	19	8	0	8
Palestine	12	1	0	1
Milford	10	0	3	3
St. Bernard	5	1	0	1
Calvary	30	4	0	4
Haverhill	23	0	0	0
Old Colony	13	1	0	1
Sutton	30	0	3	3
Bethany	8	3	2	5
Winslow Lewis	11	16	0	16
Jerusalem	17	2	1	3
Hugh de Payens	29	4	2	6
St. Omer	15	1	0	1
Berkshire	18	9	0	9
Connecticut Valley	7	1	0	1
Woonsocket	9	4	0	4
Godfrey de Bouillon	8	0	0	0
Joseph Warren	8	1	2	3
Narragansett	12	5	1	6
Bristol	16	11	0	11
Northampton	6	1	0	1
South Shore	10	4	(no notice)	4
Trinity	12	0	1	1
Natick	18	9	2	11
Couer de Lion	23	7	2	9
Gethsemane	26	7	0	7
Olivet	24	12	4	16
Athol	8	0	0	0
Bay State	21	5	1	6
Cyprus	9	0	0	0
St. Paul	8	2	0	2
Beauseant	17	7	1	8
Cambridge	9	2	0	2
Bethlehem	11	3	1	4
Orange	4	0	0	0
Ivanhoe	14	0	2	2
Quincy	15	0	0	0
Temple	13	6	1	7
St. Andrew	10	8	0	8
Reading	19	18	0	18
Thomas Smith Webb	11	4	3	7
Sir Calahad	10	9	0	9
Total:	850	247	43	290

1964-65 Monthly Objective
Necessary to Reach Quota

	Obj.	Act.
Sept.	61	32
Oct.	92	85
Nov.	68	28
Dec.	84	37
Jan.	82	65
Feb.	120	43
Mar.	111	
Apr.	103	
May	72	
June	57	
Accumulative		
Sept.	61	32
Oct.	153	117
Nov.	221	145
Dec.	305	182
Jan.	387	247
Feb.	507	290
Mar.	618	
Apr.	721	
May	793	
June	850	

Comparison

	1965	1964	1963	1962
Sept.	32	46	72	64
Oct.	87	107	153	119
Nov.	145	163	228	163
Dec.	182	252	260	196
Jan.	247	325	284	263
Feb.	290	407	306	389
Mar.		497	341	475
Apr.		594	381	548
May		634	417	650
June		669	452	711

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Sir Knights: Sixty percent of our year is gone. We are far behind in getting members. Seven Commanderies have not recorded a single petition, 8 others have recorded only 1 petition each. An emergency exists. Templary needs your help-now! Four months remain. Get petitions lots of them - have one day classes for all 3 orders! Have a July class if necessary! Templary is in your custody. Its maintenance is your responsibility. Rise up and act for it!

J. Leroy Jones, Director
Membership Progress & Publicity